

your amendment it simply would allow those families to be able to continue the way they have...

SENATOR HORGAN: Without paying the tuition.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Without paying tuition. Final question I have is, what precedent does this set elsewhere in the state for other families who may be, for example, I know in Brady and other places around North Platte, there have been many families that have been paying tuition. Do we know what precedent this would set on those if, in fact, I guess I'm thinking aloud here, if we agree with this amendment then any school district who for some reason the home school district has...well if either school district had denied a choice that all of them would be able to go without paying tuition? Does it set a precedent elsewhere as well?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, it probably does. I mean, I don't know.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And what impact, what impact could that have as far as number of students that would fit into this category?

SENATOR HORGAN: But...I guess, Senator, as far as I know, OPS is the only district that does not allow their students to opt out.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right, everyone else has to at some point.

SENATOR HORGAN: Correct. So the precedent I don't know is very strong since OPS is unique in their position on students opting out.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. With that explanation, at this point I feel relatively comfortable with the amendment and will be supporting it at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Does anyone else wish to speak to this bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Horgan?

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members, the only closing I would have is to reaffirm that these are families and students who have been attending District 66 schools for a